

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

**Call to Order:** Chair Walter McNutt, on February 7, 2011 at 3:41 P.M., in Room 102 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Walter McNutt, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Bill Beck, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Cynthia Hiner, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Duane Ankney (R)  
Rep. Tony Belcourt (D)  
Rep. Randy Brodehl (R)  
Rep. Rob Cook (R)  
Rep. Mike Cuffe (R)  
Rep. Champ Edmunds (R)  
Rep. Ron Ehli (R)  
Rep. John Esp (R)  
Rep. Steve Gibson (R)  
Rep. Roy Hollandsworth (R)  
Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh (D)  
Rep. Robert (Bob) Mehlhoff (D)  
Rep. Ryan Osmundson (R)  
Rep. Don Roberts (R)  
Rep. Jon C. Sesso (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Tom Burnett (R)  
Rep. Bill McChesney (D)  
Rep. Trudi Schmidt (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Antoine Brockman, Committee Secretary  
Jaret Coles, Legislative Branch  
Jon Moe, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 79, 2/7/2011; HB 252, 2/7/2011

**HEARING ON HB 79**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:04 Rep. Lila Walter Evans (R), HD 16, opened the hearing on HB 79, Authorize spending authority for Blackfeet mitigation account interest payments.

00:02:10 Chairman McNutt left the room.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:04:38 Chris Tweeten, Chairman, Blackfeet Water Rights Compact

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00:05:57 Rep. Esp left the room.

00:06:24 Rep. Gibson and Rep. Hiner left the room; Rep. Esp entered the room.

00:07:34 Rep. Hiner entered the room.

00:08:23 Rep. Esp left the room.

00:08:46 Mary Sexton, Director, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:10:01 Rep. Belcourt

00:10:20 Ms Sexton, DNRC

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:10:59 Rep. Evans

**HEARING ON HB 252**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:11:48 Rep. Brian Hoven (R), HD 24, opened the hearing on HB 252, Prohibit dept. of transportation from recovering indirect costs for fed grants.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:12:45 JD Lynch, Representative, International Brotherhood of Teamster's, Local # 2, (IBT)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:13:40 Rep. Hoven

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 00:14:00

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Antoine Brockman, Secretary

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